

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are allowed pending submission of drawings acceptable to the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

Applicants have added Figures 4 and 5, which depict a halo and tongs, respectively, according to an illustrative embodiment of the invention. These illustrations depict examples of structure cited in claims 8 and 9, and thus satisfy the Examiner's request.

The specification has also been amended to include reference to Figures 4 and 5.

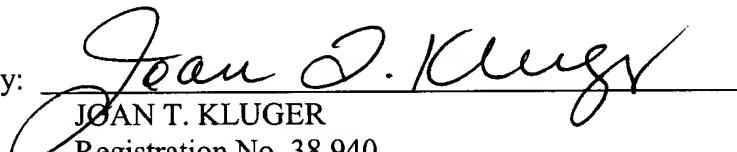
This amendment adds no new matter.

As this addresses all outstanding issues, Applicant believes that the invention as set forth in the amended claims is patentable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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